

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to detection and measurement of gene transcripts and their equivalent nucleic acid products in blood. Specifically provided is analysis performed on a drop of blood for detecting, diagnosing and monitoring diseases using gene-specific and/or  
5 tissue-specific primers. The present invention also describes methods by which delineation of the sequence and/or quantitation of the expression levels of disease-specific genes allows for an immediate and accurate diagnostic/prognostic test for disease or to assess the effect of a particular treatment regimen.